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TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, DAVID), SY

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DAVID ROCKEFELLER TO DAMASCUS

REF: A. STATE 004288; B. DAMASCUS 0051

1. SUMMARY: REVISED SCHEDULE FOR ROCKEFELLER VISIT AS DEVELOPED BY CHASE/BEIRUT REP. OMARI PROVIDED BELOW, ALONG WITH SEVERAL REQUESTED RESPONSES AND FURTHER QUESTIONS ON DETAILS, ANSWERS FOR WHICH WE WOULD APPRECIATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

2. APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE TO REF B WHICH ALLOWED US TO CONSULT FRUTHER WITH CHASE ME REP NIZAR OMARI DURING HIS JAN 12 VISIT TO DAMASCUS TO ARRANGE ROCKEFELLER PROGRAM. OMARI ALSO MET WITH DEP MINISTER ECONOMY DR. ABDULLAH AZMEH, WHOM MIN ECON IMADI HAS DESIGNATED TO ASSIST WITH VISIT, CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR DAKKAK AND COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA (CBS) CHAIRMAN ABUASSALI. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE RESULTING FROM THESE MEETINGS AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT REED SUGGESTIONS REF A, AS FOLLOWS (ALL TIMES LOCAL):  
MONDAY, JANUARY 27:

A. 0905: ARRIVAL DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VIA GULFSTREAM II (100 WK) FROM RIYADH.

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B. 0915: DEPART AIRPORT ACCOMPANIED BY DR. AZMEH IN

OFFICIAL SYRIAN VEHICLE.

C. 0950: ARRIVE OMAYYAD HOTEL WHERE OMARI HAS RESERVED  
ROOMS FOR ENTIRE PARTY AND CREW.

D. 1015: CALL ON MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE  
DR. MOHAMMAD IMADI (AZMEH HAS OFFERED ENGLISH TRANSLATOR  
THROUGHOUT VISIT).

E. 1115: CALL ON CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR NASSOUH DAKKAK.

F. 1215: CALL ON CBS CHAIRMAN MR. ABUASSALI.

G. 1315: CALL ON AMBASSADOR AT EMBASSY.

H. 1430: LUNCHEON HOSTED BY DR. IMADI. GUEST LIST, AS  
RECEIVED BY OMARI FROM AZMEH, INCLUDES: IMADI, AZMEH,  
ROCKEFELLER, RICHARDSON, REED, OMARI, AMBASSADOR MURPHY,  
DCM PELLETREAU, ECONOFF WRIGHT, CENTRAL BANK GOV. DAKKAK  
AND CBS CHAIRMAN ABUASSALI. OMARI HAS ALSO SUGGESTED  
INCLUSION FINMIN MOHAMMAD EL-SHARIF, PETROLEUM AND MINERAL  
RESOURCES MIN DR. ADNAN MUSTAFA, AND PLANNING MIN DR.  
NOURALLAH NOURALLAH.

I. 1615: RETURN TO HOTEL; TIME AVAILABLE FROM 1615 TO  
1800 FOR SIGHTSEEING, ALTHOUGH APPOINTMENTS MAY  
INTERVENE (SEE BELOW).

J. 1800-2000: AVAILABLE FOR PRESIDENT ASAD AND/OR  
FONMIN KHADDAM. EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING UP AND SUPPORTING  
REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH ASAD. THIS TIME PERIOD ALSO MAY  
BE TAKEN UP IN PART BY INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENT WITH DEPUTY  
PRIME MINISTER HAYDAR(REF B, PARA 3 A), WHO OCCUPIED

IN MORNING WITH ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING WHICH HE CHAIRS.

K. 2030: DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR AT RESIDENCE;  
GUEST LIST TO FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

L. 0800: CHECK OUT AND DEPART FROM HOTEL.

M.0830: DEPART FROM AIRPORT FOR FLIGHT TO EUPHRATES DAM.  
OMARI TELEPHONED US JAN 14 TO REPORT ON HIS JAN 13 TELCON  
WITH REED WHEREIN REED PROVIDED PILOT'S APPROVAL AND  
ALSO APPROVED PROPOSED SYRIAN GUESTS: EUPHRATES DAM

MINISTER ENG. SUBHI KAHLE (ENGLISH, ARABIC, U.K.-TRAINED; SECRETARY BUTZ SPENT USEFUL HOUR WITH HIM IN EARLY NOV.) AND MIN.ECON. IMADI. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THESE TWO CAN BE ABSENT FROM THEIR OFFICES FOR THIS AMOUNT OF TIME, BUT WILL DO OUR BEST. REED ALSO GAVE OMARI APPROVAL FOR INVITING CAPT. MOUWAFK TINAWI (ENGLISH, ARABIC: CHIEF PILOT SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES, AND PRES. ASAD'S PERSONAL PILOT). PER OMARI/WRIGHT TELCON JAN 14, AMBASSADOR WILL WRITE LETTERS ON BEHALF OF MR. ROCKEFELLER INVITING THESE GUESTS ON FLIGHT. GIVEN REED'S INTEREST IN PLANNING MIN. NOURALLAH, WE WILL ALSO INVITE HIM ONCE WE HAVE REED'S APPROVAL AS WE DO NOT KNOW SEATING CAPACITY OF AIRCRAFT. WE ARE NOW UP TO TEN (THREE PILOTS, FOUR ROCKEFELLER PARTY, THREE SYRIAN GUESTS INCLUDING PILOT TINAWI).

N. 0915-1045: VISIT DAM. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDE US WITH PILOT'S ACTUAL ESTIMATED FLIGHT TIME FOR 251 NAUTICAL MILES SO WE MAY BE MORE PRECISE IN OUR INVITATION TO SYRIAN GUESTS.

O. 1145: RETURN TO DAMASCUS FOR DEPARTURE FROM SYRIA.

3. SYRIAN AUTHORITIES CONTINUE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT VISIT. IN ADDITION TO DESIGNATING AZMEH TO ASSIST WITH ARRANGEMENTS, THEY HAVE PROMISED TWO OFFICIAL MERCEDES VEHICLES FOR PARTY USE AND FACILITATED ENTRY/EXIT FORMALITIES.

4. AS PER PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS TO EMBASSY RE PRIVATE AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE (DAMASCUS 2796, STATE 262775), WE ASSUMING AT THIS POINT RANDY CARPENTER OF WAYFARER INC. OBTAINING INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR ROCKEFELLER AIRCRAFT; PLEASE CONFIRM. WE WILL REQUEST IN-COUNTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR JAN 28.

5. PLEASE ALSO CONFIRM 0905 JAN 27 ETA FROM RIYADH AS MORNING SCHEDULING WILL PROBABLY BE TIGHT.  
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